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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Kevin D. Lofftin, 34, Madison, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 36 months in prison for being a felon in possession of ammunition. Lofftin pleaded guilty to this charge on February 8, 2007.

On October 31, 2006, a special agent of the Bureau for Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was in the Rusk Gun Shop, where he heard a person, later identified as Lofftin, on his cell phone having a conversation that appeared to be drug-related. It appeared to the agent that Lofftin was going to purchase ammunition. The agent left the store and saw a Lincoln Navigator in the parking lot. He learned the vehicle was registered to Lofftin. He spoke to another officer and confirmed Lofftin was a convicted felon. A description of Lofftin provided by the other officer matched the person in the gun shop.

Lofftin's vehicle was stopped after leaving the gun shop and Lofftin fled the scene carrying a dark colored bag. Officers later apprehended him in an apartment building and arrested him. Officers found a black plastic bag in the area where Lofftin was seen running. Inside the bag were a box of Winchester .380 auto ammunition and

an Uncle Mike's hip holster.

Lofftin has three convictions for possession with the intent to deliver cocaine and had been off parole for only 3 ½ months before being arrested on this charge.

The charge against Lofftin was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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